

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF CABINET DECISIONS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16TH JANUARY 2019 AT 10.30 A.M.

PRESENT:

Councillors: C.J. Cuss, N. George, C. Gordon, Mrs B. A. Jones, P. Marsden, S. Morgan, L. Phipps, D. V. Poole and Mrs E. Stenner.

The Cabinet decisions are set out below. For further details please refer to the relevant Cabinet report.

ITEM	SUBJECT	
1.	Apologies for absence.	R. Tranter (Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer).
2.	Declarations of Interest.	There were no declarations of interest received at the commencement or during the course of the meeting.
3.	Minutes – 12th December 2018.	The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 12th December 2018 were approved.
EXECUTIVE DECISIONS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO CALL-IN		
4.	Draft Ystrad Mynach Master Plan.	RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report, the Draft Ystrad Mynach Masterplan be endorsed as the basis for a public consultation exercise commencing on the 28th January 2019 until 8th March 2019.
5.	Welsh Government Flexible Funding.	<p>RESOLVED that subject to an additional recommendation to include, <i>Officers to make representations to Welsh Government (WG) regarding the short timescale afforded to Officers to respond to the funding allocation and if there is flexibility to extend the deadline, in order that the response can be considered and managed in an effective way</i>, and for the reasons contained in the Officer's report: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 2019 / 20 budgets are allocated to the programmes as previous years to enable time to plan for future years; (ii) future planning should include the evaluation of a programme's effectiveness, prioritising delivery in line with corporate priorities; (iii) two collaboration groups be established for both new integrated grants to be chaired by the Interim Head of Business Improvement Services; (iv) a further report be provided when the amount of funding is known and guidance and grant conditions are received from Welsh Government;

		(v) Officers to make representations to Welsh Government (WG) regarding the short timescale afforded to Officers to respond to the funding allocation and if there is flexibility to extend the deadline, in order that the response can be considered and managed in an effective way.
6.	Self-Evaluation Process and its impact on the Education Directorate's Service Improvement Plan.	RESOLVED that for the reasons contained therein, the contents of the report be noted.
7.	Brexit.	<p>RESOLVED that subject to an amendment to paragraphs 7.2 and 10.1.2 that the figure quoted should be £20.08m and an additional two recommendations to include <i>both Leaders from the Opposition Groups be invited to join the recently established internal Brexit Working Group and any emergency spends authorised under delegated powers will be reported retrospectively to the appropriate Committee</i>, and for the reasons contained in the Officer's report: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the contents of the report, be noted; (ii) a recommendation to Council that £1m be set-aside in an earmarked reserve as a contingency to meet any short to medium-term financial implications arising from the Brexit process (funded from the £20.08m unallocated reserves identified in the 'Update on Reserves' report that was presented to the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee on the 15th January 2019), be endorsed; (iii) a recommendation to Council that delegated powers be granted to the Leader and Interim Chief Executive to jointly approve expenditure from the earmarked reserve as and when required, be endorsed; (iv) both Leaders from the Opposition Groups be invited to join the recently established internal Brexit Working Group; (v) any emergency spends authorised under delegated powers will be reported retrospectively to the appropriate Committee.
8.	Write-Off of Debts over £20,000 - Business Rate arrears for Ltd Companies.	<p>RESOLVED that subject to an amendment to the recommendation in that <i>as the Authority has no further legal powers to recover the unpaid debts</i> and for the reasons contained in the Officer's report: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) as the Authority has no further legal powers to recover the unpaid debts, the debts detailed in paras. 4.4 and 4.5.1 to 4.5.3 inclusive be written-

		off on the grounds that they are irrecoverable.
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Date executive decisions to come into force and may be implemented (unless called in) –

5.00 pm on Monday 21st January 2019.